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EXHIBIT 1
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SB 161

RESOLUTION 2012 - 18

SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to seek legislation to clarify that the Montana Highway Commission is not required to base its speed limit determination on the result of the engineering and traffic investigation when determining speeds in School Zones on State Highways.

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation and the Highway Commission are required to set speed limits according to the results of engineering and traffic investigations set out in Montana Code Annotated Section 61-8-303; and

WHEREAS, engineering and traffic investigations do not consider school zones on State highways; and

WHEREAS, in many rural communities across Montana, Main Street is a State highway and the local schools are adjacent to Main Street; and

WHEREAS, setting of speed limits in school zones on State highways has a direct impact on the safety of school children and staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montana Association of Counties will seek legislation to clarify that the Montana Highway Commission is not required to base its speed limit determination on the result of the engineering and traffic investigation when determining speeds in School Zones on State Highways.

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| SPONSOR: | Districts 8, 9 & 12 |
| RECOMMENDATION: | Do Pass |
| REFERRED TO: | MACo Transportation Committee |
| ADOPTED: | Annual Conference, Great Falls, MT, September 26, 2012 |